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demands a departure from it. It is only when qualified candidates are not available for appointment to posts requiring technical knowledge that re-employment of retired personnel is resorted to."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"In the reply of the Hon. Minister, he was pleased to observe that in the case of three officers, re-employment was given without the recommendation of the head of the department. May I know, Sir, how the Government came to know that those three officers were indispensable for those departments?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Ministers have their own knowledge of the officers serving under them, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I take it, Sir, that if the Government want that certain officers should be re-employed or their services should be extended, they need not refer to the head of department, under whom the officers are working, but can straight away do so?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Yes, Sir, it is so. Why should we refer?"

Import of paints and varnish oils into the Province.

*23 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total cost of paints and vanish oils imported into our Province—

(1) from other countries;

(2) from other Provinces;

(b) how many firms in our Province prepare paints and oils; and

(c) their share capital?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"(a) (1) The total value of paints and varnish oils imported by sea during 1943-1944 was Rs. 2,37,323. No information is available for the subsequent period.

(2) No information is available regarding imports from other Provinces.

"(b) So far as the Government are aware, three factories are producing paints in this Province and they are:

(i) Jyothi Paint Works, Aminjikarai, Madras;

(ii) Sodhan Cottage Industries Association, Tenali; and

(iii) Kanakambika Paint and Varnish Industries, Bezwada.

"(c) All the three factories are private firms. They are worked on a small scale and no information is available about the capital invested in each."